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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CAG in its report for the year 1998-99 has censured the Education Department for non-distribution of educational equipments worth Rs.1.29 crore to various schools under new education technology programme ;

(b) whether CAG also pointed out purchase of more equipments than the amount sanctioned for the purchase thereof by the Ministry;

(c) if so, whether the PAC of Delhi Government has held several seniorofficials responsible for bungling in purchase of television sets under the programme;

(d) if so, the factual position in this regard;

(e) the steps taken by the Government to find out the non- utilisation of grant and excess expenditure to the detriment of the school children; and

(f) the action taken by the Government in the matter and the action taken against the officials found involved in bungling in purchase of televisions ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND OCEAN DEVELOPME MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (f) : Perusal of the CAG report for the year 1998-99 for this Ministry in respect of the education technology programmes does not indicate any 'censure' of this Department. However, as per the information received from the Government of NCTof Delhi, the CAG in its audit report for the year 1998-99 has pointed out certain irregularities in procurement and utilisation of TV as a teaching aid. The PAC of the Delhi Legislative Assembly on the basis of CAG's report hasalso made observations in the matter. In view of the observations of PAC, the Government of Delhi has ordered an enquiry.